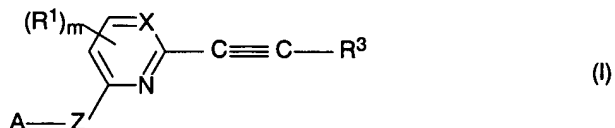


## A P P E N D I X II:

THE AMENDED CLAIMS (clean version of all claims):

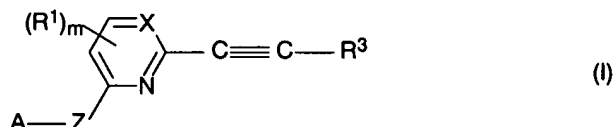
1. (currently amended) A method of combating undesired plant growth at a locus, comprising application to the locus of an effective amount of at least one compound of formula (I)



wherein

- X represents N or CR<sup>2</sup>;
- R<sup>1</sup> each independently represent a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxy group or a haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro or SF<sub>5</sub> group; or -S(O)<sub>p</sub>-R<sup>4</sup>, in which p is 0, 1 or 2, and R<sup>4</sup> represents an alkyl or haloalkyl group; or -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, in which R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkenyl, aralkyl or aryl group, or R<sup>7</sup>O-CY-, in which R<sup>7</sup> represents an alkyl group, and Y represents O or S;
- R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or has the meaning given for R<sup>1</sup>;
- R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a formyl group or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, trihydrocarbylsilyl or aryl group, or an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group;
- A represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group or an optionally substituted thienyl group;
- Z represents an oxygen or sulfur atom; and
- m is 0, 1 or 2;
- or an agronomically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof.

2. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



wherein

- X represents N or CR<sup>2</sup>;
- R<sup>1</sup> each independently represent a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, al-

koxyalkoxy group or a haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro or  $\text{SF}_5$  group; or  $-\text{S}(\text{O})_p-\text{R}^4$ , in which  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2, and  $\text{R}^4$  represents an alkyl or haloalkyl group; or  $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^6$ , in which  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkenyl, aralkyl or aryl group, or  $\text{R}^7\text{O}-\text{CY}-$ , in which  $\text{R}^7$  represents an alkyl group, and  $\text{Y}$  represents O or S;

$\text{R}^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or has the meaning given for  $\text{R}^1$ ;

$\text{R}^3$  represents a hydrogen atom or a formyl group or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, trihydrocarbylsilyl or aryl group, or an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group;

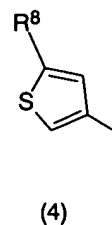
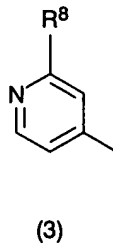
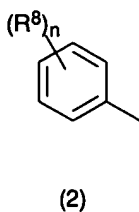
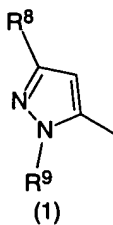
A represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group or an optionally substituted thienyl group;

Z represents an oxygen or sulfur atom; and

$m$  is 1 or 2;

or an agronomically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof.

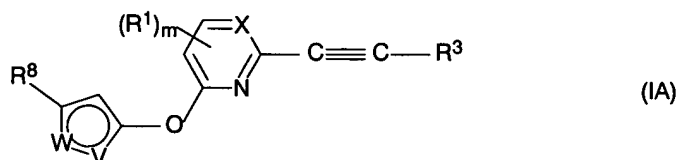
3. (original) A compound as claimed in claim 2, wherein Z represents an oxygen atom.
4. (original) A compound as claimed in claim 2, wherein  $\text{R}^3$  represents a phenyl group being optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms or alkyl or haloalkyl groups.
5. (original) A compound as claimed in claim 2, wherein  $\text{R}^3$  represents a  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl or  $\text{C}_{2-6}$  alkenyl group being optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms and/or  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkoxy groups.
6. (original) A compound as claimed in claim 2, wherein A represents an optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or pyrazolyl group.
7. (original) A compound as claimed in claim 6, wherein A represents a group selected from formulae (1), (2), (3), and (4):



wherein

- R<sup>8</sup> each independently represents a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy or thioalkyl group;  
 R<sup>9</sup> represents an alkyl group; and  
 n represents an integer of 1 to 5.

8. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 2 which is of formula IA



wherein

- R<sup>3</sup> represents a formyl group or an alkyl, alkenyl group or an optionally substituted aryl or 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group;  
 W-V represents N-CH, S-CH, N-CH-CH, CH-CH-CH or N-NR<sup>9</sup>;  
 m is 1;  
 R<sup>8</sup> represents a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy or thioalkyl group; and  
 R<sup>9</sup> represents an alkyl group.
9. (currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of  
 2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-(2-phenylethynyl)-pyridine;  
 4-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-6-methyl-2-(2-phenylethynyl)-pyrimidine;  
 2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-6-(2-phenylethynyl)-pyridine;  
 4-methoxy-2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-6-(2-phenylethynyl)-pyridine;  
 2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-(2-trimethylsilylethynyl)-pyridine;  
 2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethynyl]-pyridine;  
 2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-[2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-ethynyl]-pyridine;  
 6-ethynyl-2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethylpyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methylpyridine;

2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-(4-methylpent-1-yn-3-enyl)-pyridine;

2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-(3,3-diethoxyprop-1-ynyl)-pyridine; and

2-(1-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-5-yloxy)-4-methyl-6-(2-formylethynyl)-pyridine.

10. (*currently amended*) A process for the preparation of the compound of formula I according to claim 2, which comprises reacting a respective compound of formula II,

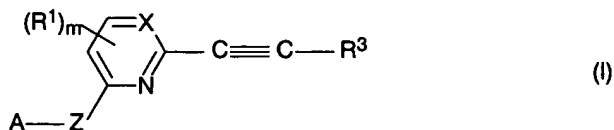


in which L represents a suitable leaving group, with a compound of formula III,



in which Met represents a hydrogen or metal atom or an alkylmetal group.

11. (*currently amended*) A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of formula I according to claim 2 and a carrier.
12. (*original*) A composition as claimed in claim 11, comprising at least two carriers, at least one of which is a surface-active agent.
13. (*canceled*)
14. (*new*) A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 9 and a carrier.
15. (*new*) A compound of formula (I)



wherein

X represents N or CR<sup>2</sup>;

R<sup>1</sup> each independently represent a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxy group or a haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro or

SF<sub>5</sub> group; or -S(O)<sub>p</sub>-R<sup>4</sup>, in which p is 0, 1 or 2, and R<sup>4</sup> represents an alkyl or haloalkyl group; or -NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, in which R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkenyl, aralkyl or aryl group, or R<sup>7</sup>O-CY-, in which R<sup>7</sup> represents an alkyl group, and Y represents O or S;

R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or has the meaning given for R<sup>1</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> represents a formyl group or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, trihydrocarbylsilyl or aryl group, or an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group;

A represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group or an optionally substituted thienyl group;

Z represents an oxygen or sulfur atom; and

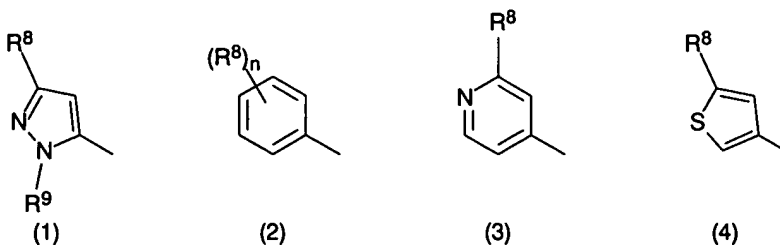
m is 0, 1 or 2;

with the proviso, that

bis-[2-(2-trimethylsilylethynyl)pyrid-6-yloxy]-1,3-benzene and bis-[2-(3,3-dimethyl-3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)-pyrid-6-yloxy]-1,3-benzene are excluded;

or an agronomically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof.

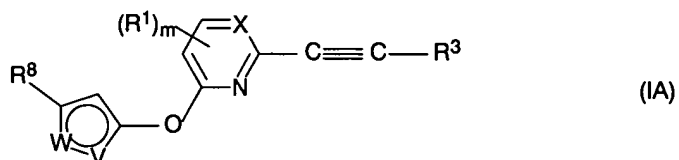
16. (new) A compound according to claim 15, wherein R<sup>3</sup> represents a phenyl group being optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms or alkyl or haloalkyl groups.
17. (new) A compound according to claim 15, wherein R<sup>3</sup> represents a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl group being optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms and/or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy groups.
18. (new) A compound according to claim 15, wherein A represents an optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or pyrazolyl group.
19. (new) A compound according to claim 18, wherein A represents a group selected from formulae (1), (2), (3), and (4):



wherein

- $R^8$  each independently represents a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy or thioalkyl group;  
 $R^9$  represents an alkyl group; and  
 $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 5.

20. (new) A compound according to claim 15 which is of formula IA



wherein

- $R^3$  represents a formyl group or an alkyl, alkenyl group or an optionally substituted aryl or 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic group;  
W-V represents N-CH, S-CH, N-CH-CH, CH-CH-CH or N-NR<sup>9</sup>;  
 $m$  is 0 or 1;  
 $R^8$  represents a halogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy or thioalkyl group; and  
 $R^9$  represents an alkyl group.